pure `josh'" so he had not deceived anyone; he did not deny spending money on horses but insisted that he "was making money in ways my uncles had no idea of" so reserved the "right" to spend money as he saw fit; he had not been lazy about the garden, but had planted 28 hills of early potatoes before anyone else in town had ever begun to dig, etc. He concedes that he was not in the store very often at night, and somewhat disingenuously confesses to being "a dam fool" and that he has "frequently been told so by others and more so by [himself]."

Mr. Ross quarrelled with his aunt and uncle over the kind of people he chose when asked to invite some guests to a tea. He states that this caused "dissention in our peaceful [sic] domesticity. She and my uncle did their level best to make me feel uncomfortable throughout the evening." At the same time the patient seems to have played the part of charming young man very well. At least he seems to have had greater social skills and sensitivities than his aunt and uncle. He implied as much when he characterized her as unable to "talk enough sense herself to last an ordinary intelligent person five minutes." He had appreciated that "there were two girls and one boy who had never been in the house before and naturally felt a trifle backward in coming forward." Mr. Ross attended to them while his aunt and uncle "spent the time talking to or being talked to by Mr. ----, Manger of ---- Bank. " Nevertheless, the evening was the source of another bad quarrel, with his uncle and aunt making various points against him, like the ones the uncle had already raised, which Mr. Ross again enumerates here in his characteristically circumstantial and slightly obsessive manner. His uncle and aunt must have been a rather snobbish couple. Just as the uncle had objected to his nephew's eating with working-class women, he objected to the last night's "mixed crowd" with "bank managers and grocery clerks playing cards at the same table."

Mr. Ross continued to see the "little Ontario girl" surreptitiously, and to study and play the piano in a local minister's house, where he had been given free access to the library. In May he began to borrow a lot of money from various people, ostensibly to buy Prince Rupert land in British Columbia. At the last minute, with a concern for appearances that is beginning to seem typical, his uncle persuaded him to go east instead, because "he thought that the people down east would imagine that he and I had fallen out and that I had left in a fit of anger." After yet another a circumstantial enumeration of monies received (primarily loans) and spent, he concludes: